

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 through 4 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus, comprising:  
image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member;  
first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto  
[[to]] an intermediate transfer body at [[on]] a first transfer position; position;  
second transfer means which includes [[has]] a transfer member attachable to and  
detachable from [[to]] said intermediate transfer body and transfers the image on said  
intermediate transfer body onto [[to]] a transferring material at [[on]] a second transfer  
position; position;  
cleaning means which includes [[has]] a cleaning member attachable to and  
detachable from [[to]] said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member into  
contact with a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact [[the]]  
surface of said intermediate transfer body; on a cleaning position; and  
control means for performing a control so that a subsequent image forming area  
does not overlap at a position where said cleaning member initially contacts said  
intermediate transfer body the position which makes contact with said cleaning member  
and is not cleaned by said cleaning means. means on said intermediate transfer body.

2. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member;

first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto [[to]] an intermediate transfer body at [[on]] a first transfer position; second transfer means which includes [[has]] a transfer member and transfer output means and transfers the image on said intermediate transfer body onto [[to]] a transferring material at [[on]] a second transfer position, said transfer means being attachable to and detachable from [[to]] said intermediate transfer body, said transfer output means applying a transfer output to said transfer member;

said second transfer means performing a voltage-current detection operation on said transfer member when no image is formed and determining the transfer output of the transferring operation based on a detection result of the detection detecting operation;

cleaning means which has a cleaning member attachable to and detachable from [[to]] said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member to a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact [[the]] surface of said intermediate transfer member; on a cleaning position; and

control means for performing a control so that a detection detecting area of the detection detecting operation does not overlap at a position where said cleaning member initially contacts said intermediate transfer body or separates from said intermediate transfer body the position which is in contact with or separated from said cleaning member and is not cleaned by said cleaning means. means on said intermediate transfer body.

3. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member,

first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto [[to]] an intermediate transfer body at [[on]] a first transfer position; position;

second transfer means which includes [[has]] a transfer member attachable to and detachable from [[to]] said intermediate transfer body and transfers the image on said intermediate transfer body onto [[to]] a transferring material at [[on]] a second transfer position; position;

cleaning means which includes [[has]] a cleaning member attachable to and detachable from [[to]] said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member into contact with a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact [[the]] surface of said intermediate transfer member; on a cleaning position; and

control means for performing a control so that a contact area in a subsequent contacting operation of said transfer member and an image forming area do not overlap at a position where said cleaning member separates from said intermediate transfer body the position which makes contact with said cleaning member on said intermediate transfer body and is not cleaned by said cleaning means.

4. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising a position reference portion provided on said intermediate transfer body; [[body,]] and

position detecting means for detecting said position reference portion, wherein the control means performs a control based on information from said position detecting means.